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Diagnostic Tests

Petition for One-Month Extension of Time

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Sir:

A Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application which, on its face, granted a two (2) month period of time in which to respond thereto was mailed on November 15, 2001, with respect to the above-identified presently pending application. Accordingly, the shortened statutory period for response was set to end on January 15, 2002.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants hereby request a one (1) month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Thus, the period of response is to be extended until February 15, 2002.

Please charge the \$110.00 fee for this extension of time designated by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1) to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875. This extension request is submitted in duplicate.

The undersigned may be reached at: 770-587-8612.

Respectfully submitted,

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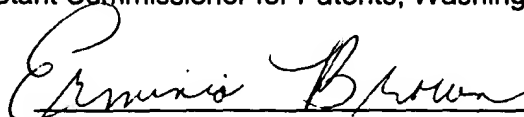
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